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# NEWSLETTER 2 - 02.03.2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing day in school! Lots of children who are very excited to wear their costumes and most importantly to talk about which book character they are. It's been a really lovely morning.

### BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club is up and running and open to all children at a cost of £6 or £9 depending on the length of stay. If you would like to book a place please complete the booking form (emailed previously or in the office).

If you've got any questions about the Government Tax Free Childcare account (www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) please ask at the office.

#### PE/SWIMMING LESSONS

Please make sure your child has a named PE kit in school. On PE days and swimming (Year 2) day please make sure long hair is tied back and that earnings are removed.

#### PARENTS EVENINGS

These will take place on the  $15^{th}$  and  $16^{th}$  March. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up on the sheets in the classrooms. If you do not drop off or pick up then please email your child's class teacher and they will make a mutually convenient appointment.

#### SCHOOL DINNER COSTS

As you know all children in Oak, Willow and Rowan get a universally free school dinner each day. Lunch club children who want a school dinner have to pay (if not entitled to Free School Meals) and unfortunately from April  $1^{st}$  Notts County Council are increasing the prices - so from  $1^{st}$  April 2023 a Lunch Club dinner will cost £2.60.

#### <u>ASSESSMENTS</u>

Year 2 Assessments will take place in the month of May and the Year 1 Phonics test will take place during week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023. These are statutory government assessments which have to take place but we will ensure that they are carried out in a relaxed and happy atmosphere with a drink and a biscuit at the end! **Please do not book holidays during this time**.

### FOOD HUB

Bags remain at £2.50 but Fare Share food remains in short supply so we will continue with families only – it is fine for grandparents to shop if they are picking up and shopping instead of the parent. Opens at 3pm.

## **DIARY DATES**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Lion Learner Animal Experience in school

Week commencing 20th March Baby chicks arriving in school Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Break-up for Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April First day back at school after holidays

Reminder: we have some preloved school uniform (lots of trousers, skirts etc) and shoes so please ask at Reception. Uniform does not have to have the school logo on or be new!

Food Hub runs every Fríday ín Term Tíme at 3pm - £2.50 per bag.

Please continue to support children in Oak, Willow and Rowan with getting as many reads recorded as possible - I am looking forward to nibbling some more chocolate with them all!

Mrs Cook Head Teacher